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Annual Spring Program

Jim Resh of the Conservation District will discuss the importance of non-point source pollution, stormwater and ways to manage it. The workshop will lead attendees on how to build rain barrels in a hands-on session. A few lucky participants will walk away with their own! If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Bob Lankard, evergreenconservancy@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for April 25th, 6pm at Blue Spruce Lodge in Blue Spruce Park.



Partner Spotlight: Nature's Way Market of Greensburg

We are proud to highlight our partnership with Nature's Way Market of Greensburg. Nature's Way Market is a grocer in Greensburg, PA that has provided goods for healthy lifestyles since 1977. They strive to supply the best foods and supplements to their customers, including organic produce, natural, minimally processed, and locally sourced products. In addition to supplying nutritious foods, owner Kitty Tuscano is also passionate about outdoor recreation. As such, NWM supports others who work to protect and restore natural resources. This is where Evergreen and NWM meet; we are members of 1% For the Planet.

1% For the Planet is an organization that bridges the gap between businesses interested in donating to environmental causes and non-profits who spearhead environmental efforts. Their mission is "to build, support and activate an alliance of businesses financially committed to creating a healthy planet." It is an easy way for businesses to donate to environmental causes. Member companies pledge to donate 1% of their sales to their choice of non-profits in the network.

Nature's Way has been a member of 1% For the Planet since 2006 and has donated over \$150,000 to local environmental organizations. For the past two years, Evergreen has been a partner of NWM and a recipient of their donations. We extend our thanks to Nature's Way Market for their continued support!

If you know other businesses in the area who might be interested, encourage them to participate in 1% For the Planet!

You can learn more about NWM at their website natureswaymarket.net; and about 1% For the Planet at onepercentfortheplanet.org, or on Facebook, [facebook.com/1percentfortheplanet](https://www.facebook.com/1percentfortheplanet).



A Call for Businesses in the Indiana Area
Join 1% for the Planet and give back to your community.

OUR MISSION:

To advance the preservation, protection and stewardship of Natural, Cultural and Historical Resources in and around Indiana County, PA

Evergreen Award - Now Accepting Nominations

We need our Readers to Submit Names for this Award

Think about a person or group that deserves to be recognized for their stewardship of our environment. Send us information about that person and tell us why you think they should be given our Evergreen Award. The nomination form is available on our web site. You may also contact us with the information we need. The deadline for nominations is April 30th, 2014. The winner will be announced at the 2014 June annual meeting.

New Interns

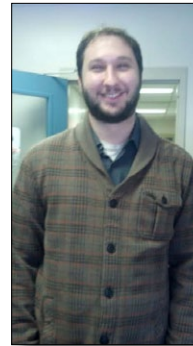
Meet our new interns, Alex Patterson (IUP) and Jeremiah Jamrom (University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg). Alex will be assisting through April and Jeremiah through this summer. Welcome!



Alex Patterson

I grew up in Indiana County and attended Marion Center High School before continuing my education at IUP. While at IUP I have majored in Geology and minored in Safety Science.

While studying geology I have developed my interests in the environmental side of geology in areas such as site assessment, water testing/analysis, etc. After graduating from IUP this spring with a degree in geology and a minor in Safety Sciences I would like to continue my career in the environmental safety or the environmental assessment field.



Jeremiah Jamrom

Jeremiah Jamrom is a student at University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg where he is majoring in chemistry and biology and will be graduating in 2015. His work includes acid mine drainage and cleaning up streams. He hopes to go on to graduate school where he will study green chemistry.

Treasurer Wanted • Evergreen Conservancy Seeks Volunteer to Fill Vacancy

Duties: • Manage EC income and expenses • Prepare monthly reports • Chair finance committee

Requirements: • Proficient in Microsoft Excel • ~1 hour/week commitment • No experience necessary

If you're interested, please contact us at (724) 471-6020 or evergreenconservancy@gmail.com

Evergreen Conservancy Annual Meeting

Save the date – Tuesday June 10 at 5:30 pm for our annual meeting at Tanoma Wetlands Educational Center.

This meeting, like previous ones, will begin with a covered dish picnic type meal. The Conservancy will provide hot dogs, rolls, condiments, coffee, tea and cold drinks. Bring a dish of your choice, as well as your own table service.

It will be a busy meeting with a number of things happening:

- Election of board members
- Membership renewal or members joining for the first time
- Recognition of volunteers
- The Evergreen Award
- In recognition of our tenth anniversary former board members, elected officials, IUP staff, and others who have supported Evergreen Conservancy will be recognized.

The program will have a PowerPoint presentation reviewing our accomplishments over the past ten years.

Evergreen Up-Coming Events Calendar

Saturday, March 29th, from 9-3 – Evergreen will have a demonstration table at the 11th Annual Family Fun Fest at the Indiana Mall.

Saturday, April 12th – Evergreen will host IUP students once again through the “Into the Streets” program. Volunteers will help with whatever chores are needed.

Friday, April 25th – 6 p.m. Blue Spruce Lodge, Spring Program - Rain Barrel Workshop

Saturday, May 3rd – beginning at 9 a.m. – Hoodlebug Clean up, Homer City.

Tuesday June 10th – 5:30 p.m. Evergreen's annual meeting at the Tanoma Wetlands Educational Center.

Evergreen's Website

www.evergreenconservancy.org

For The Latest News.

On Facebook

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And on YouTube:

[About Evergreen Conservancy – crNa11j5J2M](#)

[Tanoma AMD Wetlands – yaGLM4Ob8Ks](#)

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New look to our webpage

Check out our new look. IUP student Chris Barnett worked on our web page last semester and updated the look. We are very pleased with his work and thank him for his time and efforts.

Evergreen Conservancy to Clean Hoodlebug Trail

Evergreen Conservancy will conduct a clean up of the Hoodlebug Trail on Saturday May 3rd, beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Homer City ball field parking lot. Recently the clean up has taken less than two hours.

To get to the meeting place take old 119 south through Homer City (Main Street); go past the high school. Take the first right and follow that about ¼ mile to a stop sign. Turn right and cross the Hoodlebug Trail; turn left and follow that street to the parking lot.

Those wishing to help with this clean up should report to the ball field with gloves. Garbage bags will be supplied. The clean up will be conducted unless there is extremely bad weather. For this event an announcement will be made to the local media.

Environmental Education News

John Dudash and Cindy Rogers presented on the Conservancy's efforts on stream monitoring at the Ken Sink chapter of Trout Unlimited January meeting and Indiana County Amateur Radio Club February Meeting. The crowds had a lot of great questions and were happy to hear about Evergreen's project.



Earth Cache

Intern Jerimiah Jamrom and others are preparing what is known as an EarthCache at the Tanoma Environmental site. An EarthCache is a kind of geocache that promotes geoscience education. Visitors to EarthCaches can see how our planet has been shaped by geological processes, how we manage resources and how scientists gather evidence to learn about the Earth. Tanoma's cache will require 'cachers' to measure iron and pH to gain a more in-depth understanding of how the treatment system works.

WHAT WE CONSERVE:

Wildlife Habitat • Stream Access • Scenic Vistas • Land in need of Restoration • Working Landscapes • Historic • Cultural Sites

Tanoma Up-dates

We are working on the renewable energy system to tie in all the components to our off-grid power system. In the winter the water treatment system itself typically does not work as efficiently as it does in the summer because of higher water levels, the plants being dead and the water going through the system faster. We are hoping once our renewable system is powering the aerators that will help make the system work better in the winter. We are working towards this goal.

Hunting at Tanoma:

The site is open to public hunting upon request. Please contact Jason McGinnis at 724-787-5572 for permission. Please keep the following in mind:

- This site is open to the public year around.
- Hunting from the pavilion is not permitted.
- Guided duck hunts are not permitted.

Water Monitoring:

With the cold temperatures it has been hard to get out to do the data downloads but the data loggers continue to record data even though we can't get out to download it. Once the weather breaks our intrepid volunteers will get out and download the data.

If you are interested in becoming a water monitoring volunteer with this project, please contact us at evergreenconservancy@gmail.com. Time commitments vary, and we are looking for volunteers to help do bimonthly uploads when their schedule allows! No experience necessary. We will train you to do the job.

Visit our web site to learn more about these projects... www.evergreenconservancy.org



NEW GRANT WORK

Captain Planet to help with the cost for the new water turbine.

Evergreen was recently awarded a grant from the Appalachian Coal Country Team (ACCT) for a reforestation project on reclaimed mine lands. Trees will be planted on state gamelands near Bear Run (in the northeast corner of Indiana County) sometime in the spring. Stay tuned for more details!



If you have not renewed your membership for the 2013-2014 year – PLEASE renew today!

You can also renew or join on our [web site](#) with PayPal.

Or just fill out the form and send it in with your check payable to Evergreen Conservancy.



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